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# Mastick Dahlia Creations 1934



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#### **INFORMATION**

**ORDER EARLY**—which will insure the reservation of varieties that might be sold out later.

**SUBSTITUTION**—We never substitute, unless asked to do so.

TIME OF SHIPMENT—Unless otherwise ordered, tubers will be shipped between April 15th and May 15th AT OUR EXPENSE. DAHLIAS ORDERED SHIPPED BEFORE APRIL 15TH WILL BE SENT ONLY AT PURCHASER'S RISK OF DRYING OUT, FREEZING OR ROTTING.

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#### DAHLIA COLLECTIONS—Our Selection

Six Dahlias of large size and newer varieties\$5.00
One dozen Miniature and novelty types\$3.00
One dozen Pompous\$2.00
Dahlias in the above collections are labeled.

# DAHLIA SEEDS

We are releasing a number of seeds this season taken from the best varieties of foreign and domestic Dahlias.

Net 25 for \$1.00

Miniature and small novelty types taken from such Dahlias as Baby Royal, Coronne, Rhoda, Bishop of Llandaff, etc.

Net 25 for \$0.50

#### **FOREWORD**

It is with pleasure we hand you our annual catalog. Practically every Dahlia listed here is so well known throughout the Dahlia world that lengthy descriptions are unnecessary, so we have made them brief. Our orders are filled with field grown roots only and we guarantee our stock and service to be fully equal to that in the past. Thanking you for past favors and hoping for the continuance of same, we are,

Yours very truly,

M. G. TYLER, A. T. MASTICK.

#### 1934 MASTICK INTRODUCTION

#### NEW WASHINGTON INTRODUCTIONS

WESTERN GIANT (Lee-Mastick). Winner of American Home Achievement Medal at Portland, Oregon, also of a number of other awards at Northwest shows. Blooms are extremely large, 12 inches across by 7 in depth, and stems are extra strong and hold the big blooms upright above the foliage. Color is lavender and orchid pink with a blending of silver, and curling silver petaloids between the broad wavy petals. Habit is splendid. Net..........\$10.00

# GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF VARIETIES

ACHIEVEMENT (SC). Gold with bronze shadings. Magnificent Dahlia of immense size and perfect form\$2.00
AIR MAIL (ID) (New). For description see above $$1.50$
*ALANNAH (ID). Rose pink on yellow base, curly petals and perfect form. Fine for cutting\$0.50
*ALLA IV ID). Rich cardinal red, deeper at center. Large size, free bloomer. Good stems\$2.00
AMERICAN LEGION (SC). Giant size, bright yellow, good stems. Big prize winner, Atlantic City, 1931\$3.00

ANDREA ERICSON (ID). Pure white, classed by originators as the whitest of all. Huge blooms......\$1.50

ASBURY PARK (FD). Autumn tints with coppery salmon effect. Blooms very large with stiff stems\$1.00
AVIS COWDREY (ID). New English Dahlia of pure white. Flowers are large and deep and held erect on strong erect stems. Florets slightly curled\$2.00
BAGDAD (ID). Flaming scarlet red. Tall, sturdy grower and prolific bloomer. Many times a prize winner\$1.00
BERENGARIA (SC). An immense flower. A wonderful combination of orange, red and gold\$0.75
BETTY IVINS (ID). Of huge size and a rich salmon overlaid with an amber glow and with a rosy reverse\$1.00
<b>BETTY MARILYN (ID).</b> Large and free blooming on good stems, rosy lavender. Very lovely\$1.50
BLUE HARMONY (ID) (New). Deep lavender with blue lights. Large size, graceful form and good stems\$5.00
BOB BARKER (FD). Coloring of Jersey's Beauty, with gold suffusion and base and gold tips\$1.50
BUCKEYE FLAME (ID). Very large, bright scarlet orange, shading to ochraceous at margin and blood red in center
<b>CAPRICE (ID).</b> Immense flowers of golden yellow, shading to salmon pink, on long, stiff stems. Prize winner\$1.50
<b>CAPTAIN COSTE (ID).</b> Exhibition flower of clear empire yellow. Vigorous grower with robust foliage\$0.75
*CARISSIMA (ID). Pure glistening white with long, gracefully curling petals. Perfect form, free bloomer and fine stem
CARMANIA (ID). New English variety, very fine. Color brilliant deep yellow. Large blooms\$0.75
CARO NOME (ID) (New). Rich rosy pink, suffused lilac. Large and of great depth with wonderful stems\$2.50
CHAMPOEG (FD). Immense blooms of a lovely waxy yellow blending to bright salmon pink toward outer edge of petals. Strong stems. Very striking. Many times a winner\$1.50
CHAS. G. REED (FD). A large Dahlia of great size, fine stem and a rich reddish purple or petunia red color\$1.00
CITY OF TRENTON (ID). Tangerine and red. Immense flowers. A medal winner\$0.50
CLAIR DE LUXE (ID). Achievement Medal winner. Giant Dahlia of clear surphur yellow. Broad petals, strong stems, perfect form\$2.00
COMMODORE (The) (ID). One of the largest. Clear sulphur yellow and stems are always erect. Wonderful\$2.00
CONQUISTADOR (SC). Soft creamy yellow shading to pink. Immense size, strong stems. Prize winner as "largest in show"
DAILY MAIL (ID). New English Giant. One of the largest Dahlias grown. Stems are perfect. Combination of deepest yellow and golden orange. Prize winner many times as largest flower in shows\$1.00
DANCING SULTANA (SC). A large and glorious flower of bright oriental lacquer red, with golden gleam. Petals artistically curled\$2.50
DONNA CALIFORNIA (ID). Deep rose pink and the largest flower of this color. Roll of Honor and prize winner. \$1.00
<b>DOROTHY STONE (ID).</b> Huge flower of a deep rose pink. Great size and beauty. Prolific bloomer with fine stems

<b>DWIGHT W. MORROW (ID).</b> Gigantic Dahlia of the most gorgeous shade of red. One of the finest Dahlias ever introduced
EAGLE ROCK FANTASY (ID). Clear mallow pink. Immense size, splendid stems and vigorous growth. Judged best Dahlia in show at Portland, Oregon, last October, winning for us the Governor's cup\$2.00
EAGLE ROCK JEWEL (SC). Cream overlaid cameo pink. Large flowers, strong stems and free bloomer\$1.00
EAGLE ROCK SUNSHINE (Cac). Clear deep yellow. One of the largest grown. Stiff upright stems\$1.00
EDNA FERBER (SC). Coral shading to gold . Beautiful and very large and glistens with golden sheen\$1.00
*ELAINE (ID). Soft shade of old rose blended with yellow, rolled at tips and pointed with gold. Medium size
ELKRIDGE (ID). Glistening pure white\$0.50
ELITE GEM (Cac). Spinel pink on primrose yellow\$0.50
ELLINOR VANDERVEER (FD). Satiny rose pink on good stems\$0.50
FIERTE ANVERSOISE (Cac). Belgian importation of lovely soft pink and white. Large size, perfect form on fine stems
FLYING AMBASSADOR (ID). Pure white with long curling, broad petals. Has a touch of lavender at back of petals
FORT MONMOUTH (FD). Rich wine red. Unusually large blooms\$1.00
FORT WASHINGTON (ID). Very large dark maroon flower\$0.75
FRASQUITA (ID) (New). Very large flowers of deepest American beauty shades, with cane-like stems. Blooms profusely
FRAU O. BRACHT (Cac). New German variety of great beauty. Winner as best at New York show. Clear pale primrose\$1.00
FRAU VON BRANCONI (Cac). Beautiful pure pink, incurved form, upright stems, masses of blooms on healthy bushes
FULL MOON (FD). Massive flowers of bright canary yellow with broad flat petals. Upright stems. Wins as "largest in show"\$5.00
F. W. BUTLER (ID). Huge flower of unusual coloring, on strong stems. Bronze and gold with copper bronze shadings throughout\$1.50
G. H. BARLOW (Cac). Large exhibition flower from England. Color bright orange suffused rose. Perfectly incurved. Large size\$3.00
GIRL OF HILLCREST (ID). Very large on splendid stems holding giant blooms erect. Color Mikado orange. Free bloomer
GOLDENE SONNE (SC). Golden yellow shading to salmon rose
GOODNIGHT (ID). Ox-blood red, shaded maroon and black\$1.00
GRACE CURLING (ID). Wonderful English variety. Very large blooms with cleft petals. Pure lilae with a pink tint and shading to white at base. Prize winner\$0.75

<b>HARRIET HOCTOR (ID).</b> Flower of wonderful size and color on good stems. Color a bright rich purple\$2.00
HARRIET THOMPSON (ID). Huge bloom of orange buff with reverse of Orient red. Peta's curled and waved.\$0.75
HATHOR (FD). Orange flame, deepening to crimson. Unusual\$0.50
IDA PERKINS (FD). Very large clear white\$0.50
IMPERIAL PINK (ID). Bright true pink with dark rose pink center. Very large and exceptionally beautiful.\$2.00
INDIANA MOON (ID). Very large with a blending of many colors, making it hard to describe. Honor roll\$2.00
*IVOIRE (P). One of the most beautiful Dahlias. Ivory.\$1.50
IVORY (FD). Beautiful large blooms of creamy white with pale yellow at heart of flower. Good stems\$1.50
JANE COWL (ID). Buff salmon and orange. Massive blooms
JEAN AARON (ID). Immense flower of pale lemon yellow shading to soft rose on outer petals. Prize winner\$1.50
JEAN TRIMBLE (ID). Rich petunia violet. Huge blooms\$1.50
JENNY LIND (ID). Big flower of silvery pastel mallow pink\$1.00
*JESSICA MILLARD (ID). Long petalled, graceful flowers of clear pastel lavender with slight hint of silver. A Roll of Honor Dahlia\$2.00
JERSEY'S BEACON (FD). Chinese searlet, very showy.\$0.25
JERSEY'S BEAUTY (FD). Very fine true pink, very popular\$0.35
JERSEY'S GLORY (FD). Large and of good form. Color sparkling orange and yellow. Long rigid stems\$1.00
JERSEY'S IDEAL (ID). Large pure lavender. Blooms are on top of strong stems, petals falling down, making deep flower\$1.00
JERSEY'S MAMMOTH (ID). A monster, rich golden mahogany\$0.50
JEWEL OF INDIA (ID). Immense bloom of rich glowing scarlet, suffused maroon, held erect on perfect stems. \$5.00
JIM MOORE (ID). Large primrose yellow with salmon tints\$1.00
KARL BONAWITZ (SC). Brilliant velvety carmine. Attractive
KATHERINE COLE (FD). Large flower of flesh pink with cream on long strong stems. Habit good\$0.50
KATHLEEN NORRIS (ID). A wonderful Dahlia of true rose pink with mallow shadings. A consistent prize winner
KATHLEEN OSBORNE (Cac). (New English.) Very large with long, narrow incurving florets. Color yellow at base tinted reddish orange. Strong plants and good stems.\$3.00
KENTUCKY RED (ID). A vivid scarlet Dahlia that will not burn or fade. Stems are strong and foliage is insect resisting\$2.50
LADY MOYRA PONSONBY (ID). Winner of Achievement Medal at Seattle. Huge blooms of pure glowing yellow held areast on splandid stoms.

and delicate lavender, very fluffy and spherical on long perfect stems\$2.50
<b>LEMONADE (The) (ID).</b> Clear sulphur yellow. This Dahlia is very popular for its beauty, size, erect stems and good habits\$0.50
LOLA (FD) (New). Extra large flowers of deepest orchid overlaid with a reddish cast. Petals broad, twisted and curled. Husky, cane-like stems\$2.50
LORD LAMBOURNE (SC). English Novelty of tremendous size and may be described as a sunset harmony of pink, gold and bronze. Pleasing form and strong stems\$1.00
*LORELEI (FD). One of the loveliest Dahlias ever grown. Soft rose pink lightening to white towards center, each floret distinctly outlined with deeper rose\$1.00
MABEL S. DOUGLAS (ID). Very beautiful true lavender\$1.00
MARGARET WESTGATE (ID). A lovely pastel coloring of apple blossom pink and white. A full, many petalled Dahlia of more than average size with strong stems. A free bloomer and good cut flower\$2.00
*MARMION (ID). One of the most popular and best known Dahlias. Of immense size and pure gold with bronze suffusion on reverse. Certificates in France and America. \$0.50
MARY MURRAY (Cac). Flaming orange scarlet, very large\$0.75
MELODY (SC) (New) (Canadian). Clear true pink with deeper shadings. Perfect form, erect on splendid stems. Free bloomer
MERCEDES (FD) (New.) Very large, deep lavender blossoms, of fine form and depth. Stems straight and strong. Very free
MISS ANNIE LILE (ID). Fine English variety with ribbon- like petals that wave and curl gracefully like a Chrys- anthemum. Color orchid pink, shading deeper at centr.\$1.00
*MISS LONGVIEW (ID). Bright canary yellow, suffused jasper red on outer petals. Immense size, long stems and unusual form make it outstanding\$1.00
MME. A. BREULS (SC). Holland variety. Bright rose pink. Fine\$0.50
MME. ALBERT RIGOUTS (SC). Rose lake in color lightening to white at base and tips of petals. Unusual form, fine stems
MONMOUTH CHAMPION (FD). Large, beautiful orange flame color with perfect stems. Many times prize winner. \$1.00
MRS. ALFRED B. SEAL (ID). Very large, pure glowing old rose on perfect stems. Many times a prize winner.\$1.00
MRS. CHAS. G. REED (FD). Pure glistening white on long strong stems. Blooms very large\$5.00
MRS. F. V. RUSSELL (ID). English variety. A beautiful massive flower, white at center, deepening to soft lavender at tips of florets and held erect on upright stems\$2.50
MYRA HOWARD (ID). A grand Dahlia in every respect and one of the big ones. Color pure gold with rose sheen. Free flowering, stems straight and stiff, foliage dark green
NAGELS MEESTERSTUK (ID). Belgian variety of deep

NANCY ROBINSON (ID). Exquisite true pink blooms of unique form, held erect on strong but slender stems\$1.50
NANKING YELLOW (SC). Huge flowers of great depth, substance and perfect form of a beautiful light creamy yellow. Free bloomer, with excellent stems\$3.50
NELLIE AUSTIN (ID). Large blooms of peach red and buff
NOPAL (SC). A rare red that does not fade, on good stems
OMAR KHAYHAM (FD). Large blooms of Chinese red, shading to bright orange at tips of petals\$1.50
ORIENTAL BEAUTY (SC). Gorgeous blooms of bright rose pink. On wonderful stems\$0.75
PANSY G. WHITE (SC). Large blooms of clear gold on fine stems\$1.00
PATRICIA ANN (FD). Large, attractive flower of pure yellow blending into alizerine pink. Attractive form and good stems
*PHYLLIS ASH (ID). Softest shade of rose pink so blended as to form a blossom of creamy pink on good stems\$1.00
PROSPERITY (SC) (New). Very large full blooms on strong stems. The loveliest shade of bright La France pink we have seen\$5.00
RINGDOVE (Cac). (New English.) Clear light yellow. which deepens to pink and mauve with yellow tips. Incurved, narrow petals, good stems, free flowering\$2.50
RING OUZEL (Cac). English variety. Deep rose and white
ROBERT E. LEE (ID). Deep rich red. Fine\$0.75
*ROBIN ADAIR (ID or SC) (New). For description see first page\$10.00
*ROB ROY (ID). A large deep flower of burnt orange, shading towards dark amber. A profuse bloomer and needs pruning and disbudding of side branches to bring best results. An Honor Roll Dahlia\$2.50
SALMON SUPREME (FD). Big salmon pink with perfect stems
SANTA ANA (ID). Salmon rose suffused gold, with long wavy petals. Free bloomer, fine stems and dark green foliage
SATAN (SC). Flaming red with touch of gold at center.  Horn-like petals are perfectly rolled. A flower of huge size and long cane-like stems far above foliage. Great prize winner
SHAHRAZAD (ID). Gorgeous large deep pink on best of stems. Could well be called "Pink Jane Cowl"\$2.00
SHEILA WARD (ID). Light primrose yellow, heavily tipped white. Petals gracefully arranged. Perfect form, large size, fine stems\$1.00
SEMEUR NAGELS (ID). New Belgian variety. Large flowers of Indian yellow shaded with copper on extra long stems
SIGNOOR (Cac). Belgian variety, of great size and beauty. Brilliant pure red on exceptional stems\$1.00

large\$0.50
sindbad of the sea (fd). Huge size, fine stems, perfect form. Color vivid scarlet. One of the best\$2.50
SIR JOHN CARLING (ID). Royal purple of an entirely new shade. Huge blooms, on stiff stems\$0.50
SISKIYOU (SC). Pink, tinged mauve. Enormous flower. \$0.50
STAR OF BETHLEHEM (SC). Pure white. Lovely blooms, like stars
*ST. HELENS MIST (FD). Clear, glistening white with broad regular petals on extra strong, upright stems\$1.00
<b>SUNNYSIDE (ID).</b> Large blooms of grenadine red with metallic shadows. Petals are curling and graceful. Strong stems
TACOMA'S BEAUTY (FD) (New). Deep salmon pink blended with strawberry pink. Large and with the best of stems
TANG (ID). Tawny orange flame with twisting petals.  Very large
TARRYTOWN (ID). Autumn shades, principally bronze. Stiff stems
THE WORLD (FD). Large rich velvety rosy magenta, with silver
THOMAS A. EDISON (FD). Gorgeous new royal purple, very large
TREASURE ISLAND (FD). Very large bright apricot shaded gold
TRENTONIAN (FD). Coppery bronze and old gold. Excellent stems\$0.50
WALDHEIM SUNSHINE (ID). Giant flowers of deep golden yellow\$0.50
WASHINGTON GIANT (ID) (New). For description see first page. Net\$10.00
WATCHUNG WONDER (ID). Royal red, tip and center gold\$0.75
WESTERN GIANT (ID). Large golden orange, reverse tints of rose
WM. H. HOGAN (FD). Garnet red, distinctly tipped white
WILLAMETTE (SC). Very lovely blend of rose and orange, golden sheen. Petals wavy. Stems the best. Very large and fine
WM. H. SHOREY (FD). Rhodamine purple, shading to mauve, veined silver. Stems very long and upright\$1.00
YANKEE KING (FD). Coppery gold and rose. Large blooms, held erect
YVONNE NEWSOM (ID) (New). Largest blooms of rich garnet on extra stiff stems. Very free bloomer, early to late
*MASTICK Dahlias in this catalogue are starred *.

NEW CLASSIFICATION OF DAHLIAS
CACTUS (Cac)
SEMI CACTUS (SC)
INFORMAL DECORATIVE (ID)
FORMAL DECORATIVE (FD)
PAEONY (P)

# MINIATURES — NOVELTY TYPES



ZIP
AMI BARILLET (Single). One of the most popular in existence on account of its lovely deep bronzy purple foliage and glowing scarlet single flowers\$0.25
BABY ROYAL (Min. S. C.) (New). The Gold Medal miniature from England. It won for us first award in every class in which it was entered. It is a most delightful and dainty little flower of salmon pink and apricot with gold shadings. Florets roll and incurve, making a graceful blossom on long wiry stems. The low-growing plants are always a mass of bloom\$1.00
BISHOP OF LLANDAFF (Duplex). Tiny Dahlia from Wales. Rich deep red with dark eye and nearly black foliage. Dwarf plants
CORONNE (Min. F. D. (New). Beautiful pure white flower resembling a gardenia or camelia. Very effective in bridal bouquets and table decorations\$0.75
CRAWLEY STAR (Single). Small and of a delightful shade of rose pink with crimson base to each petal of pointed form. Very free
ELIZABETH PAPE (Cac). Pale pink and creamy white on a dwarf plant. Lovely\$0.50
GARDEN LOVE (ID). Dwarf plant. Brilliant carmine rose with gold base
IRENE (FD). Exquisite old rose or coral pink. A perfect small flower for exhibition, with very long stems. Extra good\$0.50
LITTLE JEWEL (Min. Dec.). Very small blooms of pure peach blossom pink on upright stems. A wonderful little flower
PINK PEARL (ID). A delightful variety of pure rose pink which opens as an Informal Decorative but later in the season develops into a perfect paeony type\$0.50
RHODA (ID). A most perfect and artistically formed little flower in a beautiful glowing orange rose or shrimp pink shade. It is borne on a good stem and has curled petals
SAMARITAN (Cac). Pure white flower of perfect form. A prize winner\$0.50
ZIP (ID) (Miller-Mastick). This is one of the gems of the miniature world. It is a clean growing plant and full of flowers from early in the season right through. The color is a light earmine red, shading towards coral. Very small\$2.00

## FRENCH "STELLA" DAHLIAS

## (or Orchid Flowered)

A race of single Dahlias from France, so named because of their resemblance to a star or rather to a starfish (Etoile de Mer). Petals roll forward, showing the reverse. They are very graceful and are unique for table decoration.

- ETOILE DE CASTELNAU. Currant rose, reverse deeper, moire.
- ETOILE DE DESGOUTTE. Sulphur yellow, reverse cream to pale rose.
- ETOILE DE DUBAIL. Chamois, tinted orange, reverse copper red.
- ETOILE DE FOCH. Pale yellow, reverse carmine red, moire.
- ETOILE DE LIAUTY. Clear canary, reverse deeper lined rose.
- ETOILE DE MAISTRE. Velvety chestnut red, reverse lighter, golden yellow aureole at center.
- ETOILE DE MANOURY. Pure white, reverse rose lilac, moire.
- ETOILE DE MARJOULET. Garnet purple, reverse bishop violet.
- M. JACQUES GALLARD. Clear red, reverse deeper violet.50c per root or \$5.00 per dozen

#### POMPON DAHLIAS

Very small, compact flowers like miniature Show Dahl	ias.
AIMEE. A wee flower of bronze\$	0.25
AMBER QUEEN. Golden amber and orange	.25
ANNA CHRISTINA. Gold, darker center	.25
ATOM. Tiny, perfect, fiery red	.25
AVILA (New). True pink. Extra fine	.75
BANTAM. Small, bright scarlet. Fine	.25
BEBE. Mauve pink. Fine stem	.25
BILLEE. Dark crimson	.25
CORA MAY. Salmon pink, cream and yellow	.25
DAISY. Salmon rose. Very good	.25
DARK EYE. White with lavender center	.25
DARKNESS. Very dark red	.25
<b>DEEDEE.</b> Pure lavender. Dainty and small	.25
HAZEL. Light amber gold	.25
HELEN ANITA. Small lavender, white center	.35
HELEN LAMBERT. Deep, bright yellow	.25
JOE FETTE. Pure white. Fine form	.25
JOHNNY. Bright dark red. Small	.25
LEDA BEELER. Deep lilac. Small	.25
LITTLE BEESWING. Red with gold at base	.25
LITTLE DAVID. Perfect burnt orange	.25
LITTLE IRENE. Deep creamy yellow	.25
LITTLE JIM. Dark crimson	.25
MARY MUNNS (Fuchsia). Dark orchid sheen	.35
NELLIE FRAZER. Light pink, edged deeper	.25
NORA REYNOLDS. Indian red	.25
PEGGY ANN. Yellow, shaded brown. Fine	.50
PHYLLIS. Deep yellow, tipped brown	.25
PIXY. Orange yellow, tipped Indian red	.35
SAMMY. Fine old gold	.35
TOM THUMB. Orange red. Smallest grown	.25
YELLOW GEM. Yellow. One of the best	.25

### **CULTURAL GUIDE**

Dahlias are easily grown, requiring no special soil, treatment or skill to bring them to perfection.

They are really an Autumn flower and should not be planted too early.

They are remarkably free from disease and have few special enemies.

Plant in sunny situation, although they will do nicely in partial shade.

Prepare the soil by deep spading; if soil is sandy a shovel full of well rotted manure may be incorporated with it; if otherwise use little, if any, fertilizer before plants begin to bud. Add sand or coal ashes to heavy soil.

Drive a stake in each hole to support the plant. Lay root down flat with eye upward and next to stake, about six inches deep, and cover two inches with pulverized soil, gradually filling to level as plant progresses.

As soon as plants are large enough, pinch out the top just above the second or third set of leaves; this causes the plant to branch.

Cultivate well until buds appear, then stop all cultivation except light raking after rain or watering, just enough to break the crust of ground; only be sure and do this.

When buds appear spread manure or some fertilizer around plant and rake lightly into the soil.

Sometimes a perfectly good root with a good eye will refuse to sprout; in such cases, dig up the root and soak for 24 hours in fresh water; this usually will cause it to sprout in a reasonable time after replanting.

Unless weather is very dry and hot, do not begin watering until buds appear, then soak the ground thoroughly (not sprinkle) about once a week or ten days. Cut off all faded flowers with as much of the stalk as you can.

For extra large blooms disbud by pinching off all the buds in a cluster except the strongest one.

For cut flowers pick in the evening or early morning if possible; burn the ends of stems in any flame, or dip in boiling water for 10 seconds; after either treatment place in cold water and put in cool place free from draft until wanted.

When frozen down in Autumn, cut stalks off at the ground and dig carefully so as not to break neck of root, for the eyes for next season's growth are only found where the root joins the stalk. Store same as potatoes where they will not freeze, shrivel or rot. Turn the clump upside down to drain out any moisture that may start decay.